

Paver & Hardscape Checklist

Use this checklist after estimating materials to plan a paver patio, walkway, or retaining wall installation.

PROJECT SUMMARY

Project Type:	
Area / Wall Length:	
Base Depth:	
Estimated Paver/Block Count:	
Edge Restraint Type:	
Planned Date:	

HOW TO USE THIS CHECKLIST

- 1 Run the Paver Calculator using accurate measurements.
- 2 Confirm base depth requirements for your soil type and climate.
- 3 Review each phase before ordering pavers, blocks, or base material.
- 4 Verify drainage and edge restraint plan.
- 5 Confirm permit or inspection requirements if applicable.

PHASE 1 — PLANNING

- ☐ Confirm paver/block pattern and layout.
- ☐ Determine base depth for local frost line and soil type.
- ☐ Plan drainage slope (typically 1–2% away from structures).
- ☐ Check for buried utilities before excavating.
- ☐ Confirm edge restraint type (plastic, metal, or concrete).

PHASE 2 — SITE PREPARATION

- ☐ Excavate to full depth (base + bedding + paver/block height).
- ☐ Install and compact aggregate base in lifts.
- ☐ Screed bedding sand level before laying pavers.
- ☐ Install edge restraints before or after laying, per system.
- ☐ Confirm geotextile fabric if soil is soft or clay-heavy.

PHASE 3 — MATERIAL ORDERING

- ☐ Calculate total pavers/blocks from area or wall length.
- ☐ Add 5–10% waste allowance for cuts and pattern layout.
- ☐ Calculate base aggregate and bedding sand volume separately.
- ☐ Confirm paver/block color and lot consistency.
- ☐ Order polymeric sand or grout for joint filling if needed.

PHASE 4 — QUALITY & RISK CONTROL

- ☐ Check level and slope across the full surface regularly.
- ☐ Compact pavers into bedding sand after laying.
- ☐ Sweep and compact joint sand/polymeric sand fully.
- ☐ Verify retaining wall batter (backward lean) if applicable.
- ☐ Install drainage gravel behind retaining walls.

